



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Ecology - Administrative Order Number 08-10

Subject of possible rule making:

Amendments to Chapter 173-160 WAC, Minimum Standards for Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

Chapter 18.104 RCW, Water Well Construction Act (1971).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Ecology needs to make technical and typographical corrections to the current rule and add new provisions that require certification of certain drilling materials to protect ground water quality. Ecology has been meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee who have assisted in make these amendments.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Washington State Department of Health, through their Wellhead Protection Program regulates well siting. The Department of Health's Wellhead Protection Program Manager is a member of the Technical Advisory Group. The Technical Advisory Group has been providing input on rule changes for the last two years and will continue to assist Ecology in revising these rules.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Standard Rulemaking – a Technical Advisory Group which was established by the legislature assisted the Department of Ecology in the development of these rules.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.

SEE ATTACHED.

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June 2, 2008

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## ATTACHMENT

Interested parties can participate through public workshops and hearings to be held this summer and fall, through written inquiries to the Department, and by attending the Technical Advisory Group meetings. The public workshops will be held on June 25, 2008, at 10 am at the La Quinta Inn, 1425 E, 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA, 98421 and on June 26, 2008 at 10 am at the Best Western Lake Inn, 3000 Marina Drive, Moses Lake, WA, 98837. The contact person for Ecology is: Bill Lum, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-47600, Phone: (360) 407-0281; FAX (360) 407-7162; email address: [blum461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:blum461@ecy.wa.gov)